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## **Let the Rain Do the Watering** *City Reminds Residents and Businesses* *to Turn Off Irrigation Systems While It Rains*

SAN DIEGO – With a strong storm expected across the region this weekend and with the spring season's longer days, the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department reminds homeowners, gardeners, landscape contractors and facility managers to adjust irrigation systems to reduce wasted water and to avoid overwatering in the next few weeks following the storm. When it rains, let the rain do the watering.

Outdoor irrigation accounts for more than half of a typical household's water use in California. Making seasonal adjustments to irrigation controllers can lower water bills and help agencies store supplies for high-demand periods.

California emerged from a three-year drought in early 2011, but the need to conserve remains because the region is dependent on imported water sources. Imported water sources account for most of San Diego's water supply.

For more water-saving tips and information on rebates for rain barrels, micro-irrigation, smart controllers and turf replacement, visit [www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation](http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation). Rain or shine, **San Diegans Waste No Water.**

*The City of San Diego's Water Conservation Program reduces water demand through promoting or providing incentives for the installation of hardware that provides permanent water savings, and by providing services and information to help San Diegans make better decisions about water use. For more information about Water Conservation, visit [www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation](http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation) or call (619) 515-3500.*